

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
Olympia, Washington**

To: Home Health Agencies
Managed Care Organizations
Regional Administrators
CSO Administrators

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From: Douglas Porter, Assistant Secretary
Health and Recovery Services
Administration (HRSA)

For information, contact:
800.562.3022 or go to:
<http://maa.dshs.wa.gov/contact/prucontact.asp>

Subject: Home Health Services Program: Fee Schedule Updates

Effective for dates of services on and after July 1, 2006, the Health and Recovery Services Administration (HRSA) will implement:

- The updated Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Data Base (MPFSDB) Year 2006 relative value units (RVUs); and
- A one percent (1%) vendor rate increase.

Maximum Allowable Fees

HRSA is updating the Home Health Program Fee Schedule with Year 2006 RVUs. The 2006 Washington State Legislature appropriated a one percent (1%) vendor rate increase for the 2007 state fiscal year. The maximum allowable fees have been adjusted to reflect these changes.

Visit HRSA's web site at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov>. To view a current fee schedule, click ***Provider Publications/Fee Schedules***, then ***Accept***, then ***Fee Schedules***.

Bill HRSA your usual and customary charge.

National Correct Coding Initiative

HRSA continues to implement the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) policy. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) created this policy to promote national correct coding methods. NCCI assists HRSA to control improper coding that may lead to inappropriate payment. HRSA bases coding policies on:

- The American Medical Association's (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) manual;
- National and local policies and edits;
- Coding guidelines developed by national professional societies;
- The analysis and review of standard medical and surgical practices; and

- Review of current coding practices.

HRSA may perform a post-pay review on any claim to ensure compliance with NCCI. Visit the NCCI on the web at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/physicians/cciedits>.

Billing Instructions Replacement Pages

Attached are updated replacement pages G.7 – G.8 and a new Appendix which contains the updated Home Health Fee Schedule.

Contact Information

Send reimbursement issues, questions or comments to:

Home Health Service Rates Manager
Professional Reimbursement Section
Division of Business and Finance
PO Box 45510
Olympia, Washington 98504-5510
360.725.1152
Fax # 360.586.7498

Send authorization issues, questions or comments to:

Home Health Services Program Manager
Health and Recovery Services Administration
Division of Medical Management
PO Box 45506
Olympia Washington 98504-5506
360.725.1570
Fax # 360.586.1471

How do I conduct business electronically with HRSA?

You may conduct business electronically with HRSA by accessing the WAMedWeb at <http://wamedweb.acs-inc.com>.

How can I get HRSA's provider documents?

To obtain HRSA's provider numbered memoranda and billing instructions, go to HRSA's website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov> (click on the **Billing Instructions/Numbered Memoranda** or **Provider Publications/Fee Schedules** link).

To request a free paper copy from the Department of Printing:

1. **Go to:** <http://www.prt.wa.gov/> (Orders filled daily.)
 - a) Click **General Store**.
 - b) If a **Security Alert** screen is displayed, click **OK**.
 - i. Select either **I'm New** or **Been Here**.
 - ii. If new, fill out the registration and click **Register**.
 - iii. If returning, type your email and password and then click **Login**

- c) At the **Store Lobby** screen, click *Shop by Agency*. Select *Department of Social and Health Services* and then select *Health and Recovery Services Administration*.
 - d) Select *Billing Instructions, Forms, Healthy Options, Numbered Memo, Publications, or Document Correction*. You will then need to select a year and then select the item by number and title.
2. **Fax/Call:** Dept. of Printing/Attn: Fulfillment at FAX 360.586.6361/telephone 360.586.6360. (Orders may take up to 2 weeks to fill.)

Common Explanation of Benefits (EOB) Denial Codes for the Home Health Program

The Remittance and Status Report (RA) you receive back in the mail may list one or more of the following EOB codes.

EOB Code	Explanation of EOB Code
041	Duplicate of claim or service previously paid. Also, used if twice a day visits have been billed and there are no orders to cover the second visit.
043	Sent to HRSA's Home Health Program Manager Do not rebill.
061	Bill Medicare A. If not Medicare eligible, submit justification to Home Health Program Manager and rebill.
068	Bill Medicare B. If not Medicare eligible, submit justification to Home Health Program Manager and rebill.
370	Services do not meet the Medicaid Home Health criteria. If you have supporting justification, submit documentation to the Home Health Program Manager and rebill.
373	Medical review by HRSA. Call HRSA's Home Health Program Manager at (360) 725-1570.
385	Your Plan of Care was received, however updated M.D. orders/clinical notes are needed to justify treatment. Example: One wound assessment needed for each month wound care is billed or documentation of reason home health is needed.
506	Telephone confirmation Claim or line item has been corrected.
591	Visits billed exceed plan of care. Submit physician change orders to cover the visits to the Home Health Program Manager and rebill.
592	No (current) plan of care on file. Please submit a plan of care to the Home Health Program Manager and rebill.

Medical Review Rebilling:

- ◆ Prior to rebilling, please cross off all lines on the claim form that HRSA has already paid.
- ◆ During your review period, if you receive a denial for payment and you have the supporting documentation, follow the criteria in Section E and send the bill and appropriate documentation to:

ATTN: Special Handling
Home Health Services Program Manager
PO Box 45506
Olympia, WA 98504-5506

The Home Health Services Fee Schedule (previously found on pages G.8) is now located in the appendix. To view or download the Fee Schedule, click [Appendix](#).

Health & Recovery Services Administration (HRSA)
Home Health Fee Schedule
Effective July 1, 2006

Code Status Indicator		Skilled Nursing Intervention/ Skilled, High-Risk Obstetrical Nursing	Brief Nursing Visit	Physical Therapy	Speech Therapy	Occupational Therapy	Home Health Aide
		Revenue Code 0551	Revenue Code 0580	Revenue Code 0421	Revenue Code 0441	Revenue Code 0431	Revenue Code 0571
METROPOLITAIN STATISTICAL AREA - RATES PER VISIT							
R	Bellingham	\$89.15	\$19.58	\$80.58	\$87.52	\$82.97	\$48.85
R	Bremerton/ Kitsap	\$78.69	\$19.58	\$71.11	\$77.23	\$73.30	\$43.14
R	Olympia	\$84.83	\$19.58	\$76.68	\$83.27	\$78.97	\$46.50
R	Richland/ Kennewick	\$81.48	\$19.58	\$73.66	\$79.98	\$75.86	\$44.70
R	Seattle/ Everett	\$89.84	\$19.58	\$81.20	\$88.17	\$83.61	\$49.22
R	Spokane	\$89.60	\$19.58	\$81.08	\$88.06	\$83.50	\$49.17
R	Tacoma	\$86.52	\$19.58	\$78.19	\$84.93	\$80.53	\$47.42
R	Vancouver	\$90.01	\$19.58	\$81.65	\$88.69	\$84.06	\$49.52
R	Yakima	\$82.33	\$19.58	\$74.36	\$80.82	\$76.65	\$45.11
NON-METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA - RATES PER VISIT							
R	Non-MSA	\$89.50	\$19.58	\$84.01	\$90.90	\$91.97	\$43.07

Code Status Indictors

D = Discontinued Code

N = New Code

P = Policy Change

R = Rate Update

Not Covered in this program
or bundeled within another service.